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(e) The Government do not propose to call for a report in view of the orders in G.O. No. 3034, Revenue, dated 24th August 1918. They will always be prepared to consider individual cases on their merits if the parties concerned feel it necessary to appeal from any orders of the local authorities and the Board of Revenue.

Assignment of waste lands in Kaikalur taluk, Kistna district.

885 Q.—Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of Government assessed waste fit for wet cultivation in Kaikalur taluk, Kistna district, excluding Kollair region;

(b) the extent of Government assessed waste in Kollair region in the said taluk; and

(c) whether the Government intend to assign these lands on darkhast for cultivation purposes to people of all castes and creeds who own no lands?

A.—(a) & (b) The figures asked for are not available and would have to be specially compiled.

(c) Assessed waste is ordinarily available on darkhast. A scheme for irrigating the waste lands in certain villages of the Kaikalur taluk is under investigation and should the scheme prove feasible and remunerative the lands will be sold. Meantime they are not available on darkhast.

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO:—"May I know who is investigating into this question and at what stage it is?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"The Public Works Department."

Assignment of kumki lands in South Kanara district.

* 886-A Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number and extent of kumki lands in South Kanara talukwar which have been assigned away by Government to third parties against the consent of the owner of the wargs to which they are kumki in each of the last five years;

(b) on what grounds the Government justify such assignments;

(c) whether Government received any complaints from people of South Kanara against such assignments as unjust; and

(d) whether Government propose to put a stop to such a practice in the future at least?

A.—(a) The Government have not the details asked for, as the rules do not require the consent of the wargdar to the assignment of kumki lands.

(b) to (d) The Government have received a memorial setting out certain grievances in regard to the treatment of kumki and waste lands. A report has been called for from the Board of Revenue.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I ask what the object of giving kumki privileges is, if they are to be assigned without the consent of the wargdar ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" That is a matter of opinion, Sir, really."

Assignment of kumki lands in Derebail village.

* 886-B Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total extent of S. No. 22 of Derebail village, Mangalore taluk, South Kanara district ;

(b) how much of it is kumki ;

(c) what is the portion already assigned out of it (i) which is kumki, (ii) which is non-kumki ;

(d) to how many persons it has been so assigned ;

(e) what are the terms of the grant ;

(f) when were the assignments made ;

(g) how many have built houses on it or otherwise complied with the terms of the grant ;

(h) what is the remaining extent now, and how much of it is kumki and to how many owners they belong ;

(i) whether it is a fact that even this extent of kumki is proposed to be assigned away to third parties ;

(j) whether it is a fact that criminal force and intimidation are being or intended to be used by the local authorities to overawe the owners ; and

(k) whether Government propose to stop this assignment of the kumki portion at once ; if not, why not ?

A.—(a) 68·80 acres, according to the Survey and Settlement Register of the village prepared in 1904.

(b) to (k) The Government have not the information asked for ; they do not propose to call for a report or intervene in the matter unless any person interested appeals to them in the usual course.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I ask why Government refuse to call for a report in respect of clauses (b) to (i) of the question, whatever may be said with respect to (j) and (k) ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Because it all depends on the circumstances of the case. If people who are aggrieved will appeal, we can take definite action and pass definite orders. A general report will take us nowhere."

Assignment of lands in the Vavveru reserve to the depressed classes.

*887 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have abandoned the idea of giving lands of Vavveru reserve in Nellore district to the depressed classes ; and if so, why ;